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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY FMG OCTOBER 25
ON ITS BREAK WITH ISRAEL: AFTER EXPRESSING FULL SOLIDARITY
WITH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF EGYPT AND RECALLING IT HAD
MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED INCLUDING
SUPERPOWERS, FMG NOTED IT HAD REPEATEDLY STATED IT COULD
NOT SUBSCRIBE TO ANY POLICY CONFERRING LEGITMACY ON
ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE OF ARMS. FMG MADE
ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO GOI IT COULD NOT TOLERATE SITUATION
IN WHICH TERRITORY OF SISTER AFRICAN COUNTRY, AND MEMBER
OF OAU, CONTINUED TO BE VIOLATED NOR COULD IT ACCEPT ATTACK BY
ISRAELI FORCES ON CIVILIAN POPULATIONS AND URBAN
CENTERS IN EGYPT OR ANY INFRACTION OF EGYPTIAN
SOVERIGNTY BY ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH ISRAELI MILITARY

PRESENCE ON WEST BANK OF SUEZ. REPORTS CONFIRMING
ISRAELI INCURSION INTO WEST BANK OF SUEZ HAD
NECESSITATED IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF NIGEGIA'S RELATIONS
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WITH ISRAEL SINCE LATTER'S ACTION INDICATED ITS

CONTEMPT FOR AFRICAN AND WORLD OPINION. FMG INTERESTED
IN SUPPORTING ALL LEGITIMATE MOVEMENTS DESIGNED TO
ACHIEVE JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN ME PROVIDED EGYPTIAN
RIGHTS AND PREROGATIVES AND THOSE OF OTHER ARAB STATES
ADEQUATELY PROTECTED. ISRAELI CROSSING OF CANAL AND
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EARLY STAGES OF CEASE-FIRE TO FURTHER
EXTEND AND CONSOLIDATE ITS HOLD ON LARGE PART OF EGYPTIAN
TERRITORY IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO PROMOTION OF PEACEFUL AND
JUST SETTLEMENT AND CONSTITUTES AMPLE EVIDENCE OF BAD
FAITH BY ISRAEL. FMG THEREFORE DECIDED ON IMMEDIATE
BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
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